

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 31, 2007, the Examiner noted that the application was in condition for allowance except for a formal matter; specifically, the Examiner objected to the use of claim numbers in one paragraph on page 3 of the specification. In response, Applicants have amended this paragraph of the specification to remove the references to claim numbers. No new matter has been added.

In light of the above amendments to the specification and the indication by the Examiner that the claimed invention is patentable over the references cited, it is urged that the application is now in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to this end is courteously solicited. If, however, there are any outstanding issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is earnestly encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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